O, reader, study the excellencies of the person of JESUS, and the riches of His grace. Let me beg you to flee for refuge to Him, cast your burden upon Him, trust entirely on Him. May His blessed Spirit glorify Him in you; may you live upon His fulness, abound in His work, find Him your all in all, amidst all the changing scenes of life, and in the solemn hour of death! In that hour, may you rise on the supporting wings of angels to the climes of bliss; may your soul be presented faultless before the throne, complete in Him; and be swallowed up in all the fulness of God—and at the resurrection of the just, may your body rise in all the glories of everlasting bloom! may it then be beautiful as the temple of heaven; animated with a life pure as the life of God. — A Clergyman of the Church of England (1838)

"Bro. Fortner," he said, "if you ever learn what these three words mean, you will learn the message of this Book, 'Christ is all.'" — Henry Mahan

What Shall We Do…?

"Then said they unto Him, 'What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?'" (John 6:28).

WHAT SHALL *we do, that we might work the works of God?* OUR LORD gives us the life giving answer to that question—*"Believe on the one God sent!"* Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! [John 6:28-29]

Reader, how will you do that? By the grace of God, in Christ, given to us before the foundation of the world. By the grace of God His people are hid in the Ark of their salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, you have been put in Christ—the Ark of your salvation, and we say to those who are hearing the gospel this morning, flee to Christ, flee today. Believe on Him right now! Perhaps you have left this building in the past without coming to Christ, without laying hold of Him by faith, but I trust if you have received God's grace in Christ, you'll come running now. I need a savior right now. Coming to Christ is believing on Christ every present moment. Lord, if I have not loved you before—let me love you today. If I have not come to Christ Jesus your Son before, let me come to Him today. If I have not laid hold of Christ before, I beg you, let me lay hold of Him now, and ever more.

Friend, Christ is the only Savior. Christ Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved! Amen. — Pastor

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"…He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat [the redeemed] *into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff* [the reprobate] *with unquenchable fire."* (**Matthew 3:11-12**)

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"AND what is our present condition? Some of us perhaps are passing through severe trials, walking in *"darkness that may be felt,"* [Exodus 10:21] laboring under heavy burdens, and not seeing the sun behind the cloud. But may we not judge from the past, what is the use of the present, and what will be the issue of the future? Has the Lord ever disappointed your expectations? Has He ever been to you less than you have hoped, or other than you wished? Oh that the Lord would enable each of us to trust Him even now! However dark the path He may call us to walk in, may the Lord give us this blessed confidence, that He is still leading us, still guiding us, and will lead us and guide us, until He brings us to *"see Him as He is,"* to enjoy His presence, and to sit down in His glorious and eternal kingdom." AMEN! — J.C. Philpot

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WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Shawna Hicks, September 4th
Ray McMahon, September 5th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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GRACE ARTICLES

Christ Is All

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

MORE joyful tidings cannot possibly reach your ears, than what are contained in these words. Such tidings, that if you have the hearing ear, the attentive mind, the believing heart, a soul thirsting after JESUS, and His great salvation, you will scarcely I think be able to refrain from breaking out in the rapturous strains of [His mother Mary]; *"My soul doth magnify the Lord"* (Luke 1:46). Christ is indeed all, and in all; and could I speak loud enough to be heard throughout the whole world; could I publish the blessed Gospel from east, to west, from north, to south; this should be the subject of my ministrations, this the theme of my communications; *"Christ is all."* He is all to me as the end of the law for righteousness; the substance of prophesy; the sum of the Gospel; the life of the promises: my wisdom to direct me; my righteousness to justify me; my sanctification to make me holy; and my redemption to make me completely happy, in worlds of endless joy. He is the perfection of glory; truth without any defect of error; holiness without the least taint of pollution; *"the chiefest among ten thousand."* Whatever is desirable on earth, whatever is attractive in heaven, all the graces of time, all the glories of eternity meet in Him their proper centre, flow from Him their first source. His love, how vast! His promises, how precious! His work how perfect! His mercy how boundless! His truth how immutable! His power how omnipotent! His grace how sovereign! His counsels how profound! His people how secure! [1 Peter 1:5] His presence, how blissful! His smiles how transporting! His Gospel how free! His law how holy! His precepts how pure! His threatening how tremendous! But how little of Him, who of all things has the pre-eminence, can be known! The poverty of language, the contracted nature of the human intellect, the necessity of receiving all our ideas of spiritual and eternal objects through the medium of the outward senses, prevents the possibility of doing justice to this most animating subject. But though the mortal weighs down the immortal part at present, ere long I trust I shall arrive where, amidst the innumerable hosts of heaven, I shall know Him more fully, and through an eternity adore His name, and proclaim His praise.